



## **MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 36 COMMANDING OFFICER'S EPA STATEMENT**



As we train and conduct operations, our activities must be balanced with the requirements and obligations to protect our natural and cultural resources. I consider this an issue of special trust that not only affects active duty military members and their families, but also the lives and well-being of our local community. We will meet this challenge with a dedicated focus on the conservation of natural and cultural resources with which we have been entrusted.

MAG-36 will continually improve its environmental performance through a systematic environmental management program, which will be an integral part of our day-to-day decision-making and long term planning processes. We will continually review and assess our activities to determine their impact on the environment and actively seek opportunities to improve our environmental management.

MAG-36 must maintain strong community relations by partnering with our neighbors and regulatory agencies to enhance stewardship of the environment, create goodwill, and build trust. The quality of the environment affects everyone. Our goal, therefore, is to work with the people of Okinawa through this partnership to the mutual benefit of all.

Compliance with environmental laws is critical to maintaining our readiness. I ask that each Marine, Sailor, civilian, and family member comply with all environmental laws, regulations, and policies to ensure that we meet our responsibility of good stewardship of our environment.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H. Ben Mathews II".

**H. BEN MATHEWS II**  
Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 36